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The Office of the Secretary of State received a draft ballot title from the Attorney General on April 26, 2006, for initiative petition #21, proposing a statutory amendment, for the General Election of November 4, 2008.

The draft ballot title is as follows:

**EXEMPTS SPECIFIED PROPERTY OWNERS FROM BUILDING PERMIT
REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPROVEMENTS VALUED AT/UNDER 35,000
DOLLARS**

RESULT OF "YES" VOTE: "Yes" vote exempts farm and residential real property owners from applicable state and local building permit requirements for improvements valued at 35,000 dollars or less.

RESULT OF "NO" VOTE: "No" vote requires farm and residential real property owners to comply with applicable state/local building permit requirements for improvements valued at/under 35,000 dollars.

SUMMARY: Current law requires owner of residential real property or farm property to comply with applicable state and local building permit requirements when making improvements to real property. Measure creates exemption for residential real property and farm property owners from applicable state and local building permit requirements for improvements when the total value of improvements made within a calendar year does not exceed 35,000 dollars. Measure requires improvements to comply with applicable setback requirements and height limitations. Requires property owners to disclose improvements made without building permits to prospective buyers. Requires electrical wiring made to improvement covered by measure to be performed or approved by licensed electrical contractor. Amount of exemption increases annually to adjust for inflation. Measure supersedes conflicting state and local laws. Other provisions.

Chief Petitioner(s): Alan Grosso, 12100 SE 158th Ave, Portland, OR 97004.

Copies of the text of this initiative are available at Room 141, State Capitol for \$.25. Written requests for copies with your remittance of \$1.00 prepaid, should be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722.

There now follows a comment period of 10 business days during which any member of the public may submit written comments which address the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet to the Secretary of State's office. This period ends May 10, 2006. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

The Secretary of State will deliver all written comments to the Attorney General. If comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after receiving the comments from the Secretary of State. If no comments are received, the Attorney General shall issue the certified ballot title not later than the 10th business day after the deadline for submitting comments.

In addition, during this ballot title comment period, the Secretary of State will also seek statements from interested persons regarding whether or not a proposed initiative petition complies with procedural constitutional requirements for submission of proposed initiative petitions. The Secretary will consider the information provided in the statements received from interested persons. If you wish to comment, this period ends May 10, 2006. Comments must be addressed to: Elections Division, Room 141 State Capitol, Salem, OR 97310-0722; fax (503) 373-7414.

Any elector who is dissatisfied with the ballot title certified by the Attorney General, and who timely submitted written comments which addressed the specific legal standards a ballot title must meet, may petition the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a different title. This appeal must be filed not later than the 10th business day after the Attorney General certifies a ballot title to the Secretary of State.

The required number of signatures for placement on the 2008 general election ballot is determined by the total votes cast for all candidates for governor at the 2006 general election. These signatures shall be filed in this office not later than July 3, 2008.

HARDY MYERS
Attorney General



PETER D. SHEPHERD
Deputy Attorney General

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
APPELLATE DIVISION

April 26, 2006

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CLERK OF THE STATE
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

John Lindback
Director, Elections Division
Office of the Secretary of State
141 State Capitol
Salem, OR 97310

Re: Proposed Initiative Petition — Exempts Specified Property Owners From Building
Permit Requirements For Improvements Valued At/Under 35,000 Dollars
DOJ File #BT-21-06; Elections Division #21

Dear Mr. Lindback:

We have prepared and hereby provide to you a draft ballot title for the above-referenced prospective initiative petition. The proposed measure relates to exemptions from building permit requirements for certain property owners making real property improvements valued no more than \$35,000.

Written comments from the public are due to you within ten business days after your receipt of this draft title. A copy of all written comments provided to you should be forwarded to this office immediately thereafter.

A copy of the draft ballot title is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Misty Kintz
Legal Secretary

ECL:mlk/APP93019

Enclosure

c: Peter Shepherd, Deputy Attorney General
Don Arnold, General Counsel Division
Steve Wolf, General Counsel Division

Alan Grosso
12100 SE 158th Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97236

DRAFT BALLOT TITLE

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WILLIAM L. GREGORY
SECRETARY OF THE STATE

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